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CANTON (at the end of the line)	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27
Yuen Chai	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37
Shenwan	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47
Yuen Chai	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57
Yuen Chai	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07
Yuen Chai	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17
Yuen Chai	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27
Yuen Chai	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37
Yuen Chai	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47
Yuen Chai	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57

UP TRAINS

Stations	No. 1 Local	No. 2 Through	No. 3 Local	No. 4 Through	No. 5 Local	No. 6 Through	No. 7 Local	No. 8 Through	No. 9 Local	No. 10 Through
Yuen Chai	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.27
Shenwan	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37
Yuen Chai	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47
Yuen Chai	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57
Yuen Chai	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07
Yuen Chai	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.17
Yuen Chai	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27	8.27
Yuen Chai	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37	8.37
Yuen Chai	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47
Yuen Chai	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.57

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Shenwan	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.37
Yuen Chai	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47	7.47
Yuen Chai	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57
Yuen Chai	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07	8.07
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Yuen Chai	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47	8.47
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Dec.

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Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th

Dec. will be subject to rent.

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presented to the Underwriter on or before

the 29th Dec., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods

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have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-

ing undelivered, after the 20th Dec., will be

subject to rent.

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presented to the Underwriter on or before

the 27th Dec., or they will not be recognized.

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SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

The following is the programme of matches arranged for to-day in the Hongkong League:—

DIVISION I.

Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. Ambrose, Club ground, 4 p.m.
R.G.A. v. H.M.S. Carlisle, Sookun-poo ground, 4 p.m.
Kowloon v. S.C.A. Navy "A" ground, 4 p.m.
2nd Wiltshires v. Hongkong Police, Navy "B" ground.

DIVISION II.

22nd Punjab v. Staff and Depts., Sookun-poo ground, 2.30 p.m.
Indian Recreation Club v. Club de Recreo, Navy "A" ground, 2.30 p.m.
Oilers v. H.M.S. Carlisle, Res. Navy "B" ground, 2.30 p.m.
Hongkong Club Res. v. R.G.A. Res., Club ground, 2.30 p.m.
S.C.A. Res. v. Kowloon Res., S.C.A. ground, 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's College v. United, St. Joseph's ground, 4 p.m.

The Club will be at home to the Ambrose where a very fast game should take place. The Ambrose team have been unfortunate in having some of their best players absent through sickness in their earlier games, but they are turning out a full side, with the exception of Hannaford. The Club should have the better of the exchanges, and if their forwards are in form they should win the match.

The Police will meet the Wiltshires on the Navy ground, where a very hard game is expected. The Wiltshires will probably turn out without Lancaster, their centre half, but as they have some good reserves, his absence will not weaken the side much. The Police are turning out at full strength and will give the soldiers a good game. On recent form the Wiltshires should win.

The R.G.A. are at home to H.M.S. Carlisle, at Sookunpoo, where another hard game should take place and the unexpected may happen. The soldiers will be without Henwood, their centre half. The soldiers are turning out, in spite of recent rumours that they were withdrawing from the League. An even game is expected, with the R.G.A. winners.

Kowloon receive the Chinese on the Navy "B" ground, and on last week's form, the Chinese should win. Kowloon always play a hard game, and are not beaten until the final whistle sounds. Crocker in goal must be reckoned with when defeat for Kowloon is mentioned.

A very fast and even game is expected in the junior match, St. Joseph's v. United. The College boys will fight hard to remain at the top of the League table, which, on their recent form, should be an easy matter for them. The United are a worthy team, but their forwards fail to follow up and take advantage of their midfield play.

The Club and R.G.A. second team soldiers on the Club ground where the match should take place. A good game should be witnessed between the two ends on the Oil ships and the Carlisle end, on the Navy "B" ground, where the Oilers are expected to win.

The second teams of Kowloon, and S.C.A. will be doing battle at the same time as their senior teams, and on recent showing, the Kowloon men should win.

The Staffs should beat the Punjabis, while the Indians-Recreio game should end in a draw.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

H.M.S. "HAWKINS" 8; H.M.S. "CURLEW" 0.

Played at the Valley, yesterday afternoon before a large crowd of sailors, the flagships avenged their defeat of last week by a margin of 6 goals. The Hawkins started the game and a ding-dong battle ensued, the play being very fast and each goal being visited in turn. From a break away by the Hawkins, Chatham received and going well in sent the ball passed Hardy and opened the scoring for the flagships after eight minutes' play. The Hawkins pressed, and Wilkins sent in a long shot, that Hardy punched out. Stewart received and beat the goalkeeper with a ground shot. The Hawkins came again, but offside against Harris relieved. From the free kick, the Curlew got well down, Russell clearing. Following a scrimmage in the Curlew's goal mouth, Stewart kicked hard to clear, but the ball struck Stewart and rebounded into the net, thereby putting the Hawkins three up. From the kick off the Hawkins again got down and Chatham, enticing Hardy out, put the ball into an empty goal. When half-time arrived the Hawkins were leading by 4 goals to nil.

On resuming, the Hawkins immediately assumed the offensive. Chatham, beating Shaw, came through and Hardy again left his goal and was beaten. Free kicks for offside and fouls became frequent, both sides being at fault. Following mid-field play, Lamb sent in a long shot, from the left which Jones fisted away, and play was again transferred to the Curlew's goal, where, following a well placed centre by Cunliffe, Stewart scored the sixth goal for Hawkins. The whistle sounded, leaving the Hawkins winners of a hard game by the large margin of 6 goals to nil.

Mr. Jones was the referee.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

CLUB	P	V	L	D	F	A	P
H.M.S. Tamar	6	4	1	11	13	9	
H.M.S. Ambrose	7	2	2	10	11	8	
H.M.S. Hawkins	4	2	0	13	3	7	
Wiltshires	4	2	1	14	3	5	
H.M.S. Carlisle	2	2	2	4	6	4	
H.M.S. Curlew	0	0	4	1	6	18	

THE CLUB v. THE "AMBROSE."

The following will represent the Club against the "Ambrose" on the Club ground to-day (kick-off, 4 p.m. sharp):— G. Rodger, W. Gerard and M. Tonkin; R. Moore, M. L. Bailton and J. W. B. McPhail; J. B. Hamilton, H. McTavish, W. Kuhr, M. Sandberg and E. Riis.

THE CLUB 2nd XI v. R.G.A.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against R.G.A. to-day, on the Club ground (kick-off, 2.30 p.m. sharp):— G. Groot, N. Oiler and A. McDonald; N. Oiler, N. Oiler and S. P. Sorrensen; G. Jack, E. Bailton, J. Begg, A. P. Sherry and P. Pilger.

UNITED v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

The following will represent the United against St. Joseph's to-day on the St. Joseph's ground, kick-off 4 p.m. sharp:— W. McLeod, J. Beach, C. H. Blake, A. E. Simmons, D. Laing, D. D. Urquhart; J. Kent, P. Brown, G. T. May, J. Leonard, C. Logan.

INDIAN R.C. v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent Club de Recreo against the I.R.C. to-day, on the I.R.C. ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m. sharp:— F. Noronha, E. Frates, B. Hyndman, C. Assumpcao, A. Botelho, H. Silva, E. Cordeiro, V. Cordeiro, G. Omund, P. Monteiro and J. Remedios.

I.R.C. team:— A. O. Madar, B. A. Hyder (capt.), M. Feriz, A. Hassan, Yacob, D. Mohamed, W. A. Hyder, G. A. Hyder, O. Rumjahn and I. Hassan.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. CHINESE R.C.

The following will represent the University in the above League match, to be played on the University ground to-day, at 2.15 p.m. sharp:— D. K. Samy (capt.), T. E. Yoh, J. H. R. Freeman, M. H. Roff, B. Robertson, K. E. Mogra, H. C. Hunt, R. W. E. N. L. Chan, K. S. Chan and C. H. Yeh.

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI v. INDIAN R.C.

The following will represent the University in the above match, to be played on the Indian R.C. ground to-day, at 2.15 p.m. sharp:— W. J. Hinton (capt.), E. H. Lim, T. S. Khoo, D. Remedios, M. B. Osman, E. K. Ching, T. O. Yew, S. H. Ong, B. C. Lee, M. K. Yue and H. M. Soa.

KOWLOON C.C. v. INDIAN R.C.

In their League match against the Indian Recreation Club, to-morrow, at 2 p.m., on the R.C.C. ground, the Kowloon Cricket Club will be represented by:— D. M. Goodall, J. Stalker, E. L. Bengt, B. D. Evans, H. Overy, C. I. Stapleton, E. R. Macaskill, R. Pestonji, A. W. Ramsay, Major Greenaway, and A. O. Brown.

I.R.C. team:— A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, M. H. Abbas, A. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Ismail, D. Weerapiti, S. D. Ismail, K. Khan, S. A. R. Ismail, N. M. Bux and D. Rumjahn.

RUGBY.

A match, Army v. Navy, will be played next Monday at 4.15 p.m. at Happy Valley.

DISARMING SEMENOFF BANDS

CHINA REFUSES ATAMEN'S REQUEST.

Chinese official reports from Manchuria state that the disarmament of the three Ososack and Burist divisions of General Semenov's army has been completed. The Chinese Division has been disarmed by the Japanese, who have now transported their arms and military materials to Vladivostok, while the other two Divisions have been disarmed by Chinese troops. General Sun Lie-chen, Military Governor of Heilungkiang, has telegraphed to Peking for instructions as to how to deal with Russian stragglers and their arms. Previous to disarmament Semenov and Kappel informed the Chinese authorities that, as the Japanese Command had agreed to restore their arms and war materials to them in case of need, in future, the Chinese should give a similar undertaking. This, says the Asiatic New Agency, means to imply that Semenov will try to raise an anti-Bolshevik army in the Russian Maritime Province with Vladivostok as his base of operations. The Chinese have refused to restore the Russian arms until the establishment of an All-Russia Government.

THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

THEFT OF A HAND BAG FROM A STORE.

A Chinese, was charged before Mr. Orme at the Magistracy, yesterday, with being concerned with another man not in custody in the theft of an imitation leather hand-bag from a store. The evidence of the Chinese constable was to the effect that two men, one of whom was the defendant, came out of the store with the hand-bag between them. Which man had hold of it he could not clearly see nor could the Magistrate, owing to the interpretation difficulty, get very clearly from the witness whether the men were side by side or one behind the other. The witness appeared to insist on the latter situation, in which case, as the Magistrate remarked, "How was the bag supported?" Did it sail along in thin air? After some minutes spent in trying to get the point cleared up, Mr. Orme told the Interpreter to inform the defendant that as there was no clear proof that he was involved in the theft he would be discharged.

AVIATION IN THE EAST.

SITES FOR AERODROMES.

With the object of ascertaining conditions for aviation in the East and to report to the Air Ministry on possible sites for aerodromes, Flight-Lieut. Hearvey, R.N.A.S., is at present in Hongkong. Interviewed by the Daily Press yesterday, he confirmed the idea expressed by a contributor in our columns earlier in the week—that there are suitable sites on the Kowloon side for aerodromes. In regard to Happy Valley, Lieut. Hearvey is of the opinion that while the ground could be used as an aerodrome for scout machines, or as a forced landing ground, it would not be practicable to combine in it the functions of a recreation ground and an aerodrome. Following the lines of the arguments used by an "Ex-Airman" in the Daily Press, he agreed that the addition of aeroplanes to our defences would be to increase their efficiency enormously, but so far as a base for the East is concerned he is inclined to favour Singapore.

Lieut. Hearvey will travel throughout the Far East surveying probable sites and will report upon them to the Air Ministry. He pointed out that aviation at home has fallen away practically to zero and that the manufacturers of aeroplanes are making time. Military aeroplanes are also very quiet, while civil aviation firms are doing little more than will pay expenses.

Speaking on the subject of Asiatics as pilots, Lieut. Hearvey said that the Chinese are making very good pilots while the Japanese at present are not doing so well.

Lieut. Hearvey will remain in the East indefinitely.

SUMMONING A DEAD MAN.

AMUSING INCIDENT IN THE POLICE COURT.

Two dapper Chinese young men, in European clothes of smart cut, appeared before Mr. Orme at the Magistracy, yesterday, on a complaint by their elder brother of assault. The trouble was understood to have arisen over the division of an estate.

Mr. Grist, who represented the complainant, asked for a week's adjournment.

The Magistrate: Perhaps the parties will be reconciled now Christmas is coming.

Mr. Grist: That is what I had in mind in asking for an adjournment.

Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defendants, remarked that unless the School of Psychological Research was right the parties could not be reconciled because one of the persons named in the summons was dead.

The Magistrate: Can we remedy that?

Mr. Lo: Perhaps you will strike out the name of the man who is out of your jurisdiction? He has been dead for some years. I think the complainant wanted to summons another brother and made a mistake in the name. I draw attention to it now in case the other side want to amend. I also rather want a reconciliation before Christmas.

Mr. Grist: Apparently the dead man has not been served with a summons. I take it Mr. Lo is only appearing for the live man.

It was agreed that, if not settled in the meantime, the case will be heard next Thursday.

FRAIL HUMAN NATURE.

A CHINESE STREET SCENE.

An old offender, who robbed a girl in Shanghai Street under circumstances which indicated that he would have been prepared to commit violence if necessary, was severely dealt with by Mr. N. L. Smith at the Magistracy, yesterday. The girl had been sent to get \$10 changed into one-cent pieces. She got \$6 changed and was returning to the house of her mistress when the prisoner snatched ten of the rolls, containing \$5. The girl gave the alarm and the people in the house managed to intercept the thief, identifying him by catching sight of the rolls of money partly hidden in his clothing. He dropped the coins and ran, and the same time let fall a dangerous-looking knife. The money rolled in all directions and the passer-by were very energetic in helping to pick it up. As for the frail human nature, they did not all put the coins into the hat that was passed round, and the owner got her change very much short.

The Magistrate sent the thief to prison for nine months.

HUNAN ELECTS GOVERNOR.

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SETS AN EXAMPLE.

The Provincial Assembly of Hunan, according to a Changsha correspondent, has issued an official announcement regarding the abolition of the Tuchen system in Hunan and the election of General Lin Tzu-yu, commander of the First Hunan Army Division, to the post of Civil Governor. The announcement praises General Tan Yen-kai, late Military and Civil Governor, for voluntarily giving up his dual post, so as to enable the Assembly to carry out popular wishes, and it adds that this is the first time in China when a civil institution, like the Provincial Assembly of Hunan, has abolished the Tuchen system and elected its own Civil Governor. The Assembly hopes that the example will be followed by other provinces. Public opinion in Changsha, however, is inclined to the view that the newly-elected Civil Governor being a military officer the innovation means nothing.

THE HOUSE COLLAPSE AT WANCHAI.

INQUEST ON THE VICTIMS.

FULL STORY OF THE CATASTROPHE.

An inquest was held at the Magistracy by Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday afternoon, into the circumstances attending the death of five Chinese, who lost their lives through the collapse of a house in Queen's Road East, on December 6th.

The following were empanelled as a jury:—Messrs. J. M. de J. Lopes, E. M. da Rocha and S. Stalker.

Mr. M. H. Turver represented the owner of the property, a Chinese resident at Canton. Inspector Kent represented the police.

As usual on these occasions, the evidence taken was confined to the case of one of the deceased, as typifying that of the others.

Medical testimony as to the nature of the injuries sustained showed that some of the bodies were terribly crushed by the weight of falling beams and masonry. Mr. Wright, of the Public Works Department, gave evidence that the Department had been in negotiation with the owner for the purchase of the property in connection with the street widening now in progress in the vicinity. An examination of the premises then led the Department to the conclusion that they were not safe for habitation and that a notice to that effect was served upon the owner. He had the house cleared of its tenants, and the walls showed up, pending the conclusion of the negotiations for the sale of the property to the Public Works Department. It was now clear that the collapse of the house was due primarily, not to the insecurity of the walls, but to the fact that the joists had rotted so that the floor fell in.

Evidence was also given by—that is to say, it was extracted painfully and slowly from—some not very intelligent coolies who were among the victims of the catastrophe. These men, pending whose recovery the proceedings have had to be suspended, were able to give evidence essential to an understanding of the accident and the reasons why, in spite of all provision, human lives were involved. Some of these witnesses had had marvellous escapes; one was only rescued after two hours' work in the removal of rubble; another was on the third story, and fell to the ground level without receiving any serious injuries. This man was able to throw a good deal of light on the whole affair.

He said he was on the topmost floor, helping to prepare the morning meal, when he felt a sensation as though a slight earthquake shock had occurred. Also immediately afterwards he felt himself falling and the floor giving way beneath his feet. It seems clear from this and other evidence that the joists of the top floor gave way first, the floor fell, and its weight was sufficient to carry along with it the floor below; the combined weight of the two floors, as might be expected, brought down the first floor. The men who were killed were those on the lower floors—with the exception of one man who had a marvellous escape; a beam lodging at an angle prevented his being crushed to death. The victims were thus sandwiched dreadfully between different strata of disintegrated masonry.

How came human beings to be there at all, seeing that the building had been cleared and condemned? On this, the question that everyone has been asking, the coolies were able also to throw some light. They were being shipped to Borneo, to work as labourers there, and temporary accommodation was required for them in Hongkong. An agent managed to gain access to these deserted premises, other quarters being very difficult to obtain, and the men were put there to wait until their ships sailed.

THE VERDICT.

The jury returned the following verdict: "We find that the death of the deceased was accidentally caused by the collapse of a floor at No. 114, Queen's Road East, and that the condition of the floor could not reasonably have been known to be dangerous. The jury are of the opinion that the agent ought to be more careful in the custody of his keys."

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.

PARADES: For week ending December 25th, 1920, will be held in accordance with programme of work issued on Friday, October 29th, 1920.

ORDERS FOR ENGINEER COMPANY BY LIEUT. A. E. WRIGHT.

MUSKETRY: The Engineer Company will fire Part 1 of the Musketry Course at King's Park on Sunday, December 18th, at 3 p.m., and Sunday, December 19th, at 9 a.m. Members must attend on one of these dates.

Uniform: Khaki drill, helmets, rifles, belts and sidearms.

MUSKETRY: (a) Members of the Reserve Company who have not yet fired Part 1 may also attend on dates shown above.

(b) Members of Infantry Battalion who have not yet fired Part 1 must do so on Tuesday, December 21st, at King's Park Range, commencing at 4 p.m.

ORDERS FOR CADET COMPANY BY LIEUT. A. J. M. WYMAN.

PARADES: The Company, including band, will parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 5.30 p.m. Dress, drill order.

PROMOTIONS: To be Sergeant, Corpl. Lyon.

To be Corporals, Lee, Corpl. Hast and Lee, Corpl. Mackay.

To be Lance-Corporals Cadets Garrod, Fogg and Ogilvie.

TRANSFERS: Sergeant Taylor having been transferred to No. 1 Platoon, and Sergeant Ramsay to Machine-gun Section, are struck off the strength of the Company.

G. F. E. RAYSON, Lt. Major.

HONGKONG, December 17th, 1920.

Public attention has been drawn again this week to the irregularity of mail service, via Suez, and it was interesting to read in the *Daily Press* yesterday the report of the comments made on the subject at the recent Congress of the British Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai. Simply to urge the responsible authorities to make every effort to put the service on a satisfactory basis does not carry weight, however. Local Chambers of Commerce in the Eastern Port Offices have been o-

"If it were not that the roads of Hong Kong, generally speaking, are in such a condition, the danger warning which is being put up and which is being done throughout the island might be regarded as a waggish hit at the P.W.D. It strikes me that many people think there is something funny about the sign "Danger: Open," and it is necessary to explain in Hongkong that this is not an international sign, and that a road which is so marked is dangerous. The danger warning is dangerous because of the London road contractors, and the word "open" is "up."

RODOLPH RANDOLPH

His Excellency the GOVERNOR of HONGKONG said that he felt very much honoured to have been invited to the opening ceremony of the foundation stone of the new Portuguese Club. It was some 84 or 85 years ago since the stone of the old Portugal Club was laid by that celebrated Governor of Macao, Jose Rodrigues, Conde Amaral. He had known the gentleman well as one of the most renowned men of Portugal. Consequently in following him, a man he felt the difficulties of, he was glad to see that the Portuguese Colony of Hongkong were united, both among themselves and with the British community. He was of the opinion that the Portuguese of Hongkong were more friendly and with their neighbours than in any other foreign country. (Applause). This was the case for the past 60 years and he was hopeful that those friends and neighbours would continue to endure and strengthen

THE WARWICK COMEDY COMPANY

The highly successful season of talented company will be brought to-night with a repetition of the delightful play "Uncle Ned." It was happy thought on the part of the manager to present this piece as a farewell attraction for it "caught on" when it produced here on the opening night of the season. Those who were not present enough to be at the theatre on occasion are strongly advised to get seats for to-night's performance, for one of the most attractive plays repertory which abounds in the theatre. The plan is at Moutrie's request to-night the Company repeats an amusing play "Eliza Comes to Town" and again had a very enthusiastic reaction.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK DAMAGE.

WE are prepared to consider applications for INSURANCE against DAMAGE to Buildings caused by Earthquake Shock at Moderate Rates which will be quoted on application.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON LIMITED.

TO LET.

TWO LARGE ROOMS to let for Office 14, Des Vieux Road Central Top Floor. Apply to—ROOM No. 1. Care of Daily Press Office. [1923]

CATHOLIC UNION CLUB, GLENEALY.

THE CHRISTMAS TREAT (under the auspices of the Catholic Union Club) to the pensioners under the care of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held at the Club House, GLENEALY, on SUNDAY, 19th December, at 3 p.m. Subscribers and friends are cordially invited.

J. D. OSMUND, President.

Hongkong, December 17th. [1924]

NOTICE.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE beg to inform the holders of the TEMPORARY BONDS of the Credit National 1919, which have been subscribed through us, that same must be EXCHANGED in our Paris Office for Definite Bonds before March 1921. [1922]

NOTICE.

THE ADMIRAL LINE are representing the S.S. "WOODRICH" as discharging Agents. We have no other interest in this steamer.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Hotel Mansions. 1917

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, (1918) LIMITED.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd December, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1920, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th December, 1920, until THURSDAY, the 23rd December, 1920, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, December 7th, 1920. [1877]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

LOST.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 1623 for Two Shares Numbered 4649/4650 standing in the Register in the name of LUE YUE SAM (deceased) late of Hongkong having been LOST—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Office of the Company, 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of January, 1921, a new Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORRISCOE, Secretary. Hongkong, December 2nd, 1920. [1866]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 1920.

THE attention of patrons is drawn to the fact that the usual Dance will not be held at the Hotel on the above date, as the entire accommodation has been booked from 9.30 p.m. for the "AT HOME" to be given by Lt. Col. J. R. WICKHAM and Officers of the 2nd Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). [1898]

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

THE Completion of the BALL ROOM EXTENSION has increased the Dance Floor capacity to 8,000 Square Feet.

CABARET DINNER DANCES will be held at the above Hotel on the following dates—

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 1920. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 1920.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 1920.

BOXING DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1920.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 1920.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1921.

HONGKONG HOTEL CABARET DINNER DANCE.

SMITH AND JACKSON will entertain with the latest songs and dances on the above dates. [1893]

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

Letters are lying at this Office for: Boxes P, Q, AD, AP, AW, BF.

TO LET—For immediate occupation. Three Large and Light ROOMS suitable for Office Central position. Apply P. O. Box No. 75. [183]

FOR SALE—Mrs. L. HOWARD is exhibiting at Room 89, King Edward Hotel, 50 MODEL HATS direct from New York. [184]

THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT TO-NIGHT

EDGAR WARWICK announces the:

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MISS JOAN MAYNE as "MISS MANNING"

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Mr. Edgar Warwick as "UNCLE NED"

Miss Marjory Clark as "GYPSY"

THE LAST OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING THIS REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL COMBINATION.

Place at MOUTRIE'S. [1841]

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting of Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of DECEMBER, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Combe Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Chattel and Plant.	Annual Rental.	Open Price.
1	At the corner of the road leading to the old quarry, near the old quarry, near the old quarry.	As per map plan.	about 2,000	100	500
2	At the corner of the road leading to the old quarry, near the old quarry, near the old quarry.	As per map plan.	about 2,000	100	500

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G. R. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES," will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 27th day of DECEMBER, 1920, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1921.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bond fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Open Annual Crown Rent.	Deposit with Tender.
Shaukiwan Nos. 3 and 4.	78.15	5,500	880
Hok On No. 6.	8.44	4,100	700
Ma Tau Kok No. 8.	4.60	2,100	200
Jordan Rd. No. 10.	4.65	1,800	220
Ngau Tau Kok No. 1.	19.30 and 25.	2,220	1,100
Chai Kwo Liang Nos. 1-30.	10.80	2,800	360
Sai To Wan Nos. 1-16.	24.58	2,400	400
Lyemun Nos. 1-25.	18.53	700	100
Lyemun No. 26.	28.44	2,600	460
Ngau Tau Kok Nos. 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 and 25.	2.10	500	65
Ngau Tau Kok No. 26.	2.80	250	30
Too Tee Wan No. 1.	.58	100	30
Too Tee Wan No. 2.	1.84	200	30
Ah Kung, Ngam No. 1.	1.80	750	100

The attention of the tenderers for Hok On No. 6 is hereby drawn to the fact that the road between R.M.L. 53 and 59 will be completely closed and that it will not be available for conveyance of stone to junks after 31st December, 1920. [1914]

INTIMATION

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EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD VALUE.

Case No. 1—\$25.

- 3 Bott. St. Estephe Charet.
- 2 " Port, Full Bodied.
- 2 " Vint de Pato, Sherry.
- 2 " Gin.
- 1 " Superior Pale Brandy.
- 1 " " " Whisky.
- 1 " Green Mentha, M.B.R.

Case No. 2—\$30.

- 1 Bot. St. Marceux Champagne.
- 2 " St. Estephe Charet.
- 1 " Vint de Pato Sherry.
- 1 " Superior Light Port.
- 1 " Madeira, Sandeman's.
- 1 " Superior Old Cognac.
- 1 " " " Whisky.
- 1 " Thorne's No. 4 Old Vat Whisky.
- 1 " Gin.
- 1 " Chablis.
- 1 " Curacao, Red.

Case No. 3—\$35.

- 1 Bot. St. Marceux Champagne.
- 1 " Manzanilla Sherry (25 years old).
- 1 " Very Fine Old Tawny Port.
- 1 " D. Port, Superior Old.
- 1 " Gin Dry.
- 1 " " " Old Brown Brandy.
- 1 " " " Whisky.
- 1 " Thorne's No. 4 Old Vat Whisky.
- 1 " Chablis.
- 1 " Green Mentha, M.B.R.
- 2 " St. Julien Claret.

The above Prices include duty, which will be deducted for Export and Shipping Orders.

SPECIAL CASES PUT UP TO ORDER.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

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BIRTHS.

BLACK.—At Nanking, on December 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. BLACK, a daughter.

BOLITHO.—(By cable from Bristol), to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. BOLITHO, Shanghai, a son.

BRITTO.—At Shanghai, on December 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. M. BRITTO, a son.

COHEN.—At Shanghai, on December 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. I. B. COHEN, a son.

ROWETT JOHNS.—At Shanghai, on December 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. ROWETT JOHNS, a son.

MARRIAGE.

ANDERSON—RADCLIFFE.—At Shanghai, on December 10th, THOMAS REID ANDERSON, of Shanghai, to MARGARET VIOLET, of St. Michaels, Felixstowe.

DEATHS.

SOUZA.—At Shanghai, on December 15th, MANCIO (MANGUO) GERMANO DE SOUZA, age 59 years.

UPGRAFT.—At Shanghai, on December 15th, Mrs. EMMA UPGRAFT, of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Chengtu, Szechuan.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1920.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

SIR HAMAR GREENWOOD is evidently one who thoroughly agrees with the late Lord SALISBURY's recipe for Ireland—"twenty years of resolute government—government that does not flinch, that does not vary, government that they cannot hope to beat down by agitation, government that does not alter with party change as Westminster." The unprejudiced spectator of what has been happening in Ireland recently can hardly resist the conclusion that there is more justification for a policy of that kind to-day than ever before. Ireland's grievance is simply that she wants a measure of self-government which amounts to a dissolution of the union, and that is something which the predominant partners—England, Scotland and Wales—cannot afford to concede. Within the last twenty years Ireland, as somebody has expressed it, has been "manured with British gold" to encourage the growth of peace and contentment. But crime to-day is as rampant in Ireland as in the times when Mr. BALFOUR introduced his famous Crimes Act. It is not uninteresting to-day to recall Mr. BALFOUR's statement of policy

when he was appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland. "Cromwell failed," he said, "because he relied solely on repressive measures. This mistake, I shall not imitate. I shall be as relentless as Cromwell in enforcing obedience to the law, but at the same time I shall be as radical as any reformer in redressing grievances and especially in removing every cause of complaint in regard to the land." Before he retired from the Chief Secretaryship, Mr. BALFOUR amply fulfilled the promise of that statement. He was not only responsible for the Crimes Act, but also for the Light Railways Act, which proved of great benefit to the peasantry of Ireland, and most noteworthy of all, the Irish Land Act which provided for the issue of £23,000,000 of stock by the Imperial Government for the purpose of enabling Irish tenants to purchase their holdings from landlords who were willing to part with their property. It was calculated that the Act would enable about 500,000 out of 550,000 Irish tenant farmers to become owners of their holdings at a reduction of about 40 per cent—that is to say the man who then paid £50 a year would get his holding for less than £20 a year, and others in proportion, and at the end of 49 years the holding would be his. It has cured the Agrarian problem. The present-day grievance is entirely political, inspired by a hatred of England which would be incomprehensible in these times if it had not been definitely ascertained that it is fostered and encouraged by foreign political groups whose ambition it is to weaken and, if possible, destroy the political unity of the British Empire. No civilized people can have read of the recent series of dastardly murders in Ireland with feelings other than those of repugnance and horror, while the measures that the Government has taken to break up this murderous conspiracy must command the support and approval of every right-minded man. We do not know what prospect there can be of peace and order as the outcome of the communications which are now being opened up with some of the leading fanatics, through the medium of an Irish priest, unless it be that the success of the Government's measures, and the public detestation of the crimes, which provoke them, have persuaded the Sinn Féin leaders that the time has come to abandon their policy of violence and murder which can never achieve the object in view. Certainly bribery by the Government in the form of political concessions can go no further, and the PRIME MINISTER months ago made that quite clear to Ireland and the world.

Prince Axel and Princess Margaretha of Denmark are at present in Siam, on a visit.

Sir Paul Chater did not arrive by the *Andre Lehmann*, and is now expected by the *Paul Leant* next week.

Yesterday morning at 20 minutes to 12 a pronounced earthquake shock was very generally noticed in Hongkong.

Lady Stubbs has intimated her intention of attending a little sale of work which is being held to-day at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon.

One fatal case of plague was notified in the Colony during the 24 hours ended December 16th. There was no other case of notifiable disease.

Mr. H. Phillips, H.M. Consul, who recently returned from Europe, has gone to Foochow, where he will take charge until March or April, when he will probably go to Antung.

We are informed that H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs have accepted the invitation issued by the Portuguese community to luncheon at the Hongkong Hotel, to-day, in honour of H.E. the Governor of Macao.

Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of Customs, has resumed his official duties. Mr. Bowra, who has been acting Inspector-General in Sir Francis's absence, has resumed his duties as Chief Secretary.

H. E. Senor Correia da Silva, D.S.O., Governor of Macao, and Madame da Silva, accompanied by Lieutenant P. Chedias, A.D.C., are staying at Government House as the guests of His Excellency and Lady Stubbs.

The Bandman Comedy Company is due to arrive in Hongkong this morning by the M.M. steamer *Chia*. The season at the Theatre Royal will commence on Monday with "The Rotter," the clever dialect and character play which was well received in Hongkong during the former visit of this company.

The Rev. G. J. Williams conducts the service for the last time before his departure, to England, at Union Church to-morrow. In the morning Mr. Williams will discuss internationalism, and the League of Nations in the light of the Kingdom of God, and in the evening he will deliver a farewell charge to the congregation.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHINA MAIL"]

EWO COTTON COMPANY PROFIT.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

At the annual meeting of the Ewo Cotton, Spinning, and Weaving Company a profit was announced of over Taels 2,000,000, exceeding the previous record by 50 per cent. The Chairman expressed the opinion that the universal financial stringency was bound to exert a depressing influence on the cotton business for some little time, although eventual expansion was certain.

STATUS OF SHANGHAI RUSSIANS.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

The Russian Consulate has ceased functioning. The final status of local Russians is undecided. The Consular Body is discussing the matter with the Chinese and Foreign Commissioner. Deep anxiety prevails in Russian circles regarding the final outcome.

RICE CONTROL IN THE STRAITS.

SINGAPORE, December 16th.

It is officially announced that the control of rice in the F.M.S. and Straits ceases three months hence, when the present stocks will be exhausted, as a liberal supply is available from Burma and Siam.

DEATH OF GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

The P. & O. steamer *Deponha* sailed on Wednesday carrying the remains of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth of the House of Romanoff, who was killed in the Russian revolution, for burial in Palestine in accordance with the express wish of the late Duchess.

VENEREAL DISEASES CAMPAIGN IN SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

Activities commenced on Wednesday in connection with the lectures and conferences of the Eastern Commission of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases now visiting Shanghai. The Press and public are lending hearty support.

LURE OF DANCING GIRLS.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

T. Mellows, son of Police Inspector Mellows, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the British Police Court for obtaining money by false pretences. A Chinese tradesman in his evidence disclosed that Mellows was the victim of women at the dancing halls. Mellows stoutly refused to divulge the name of another man concerned in the whole affair.

SHOT IN A BAE.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

Public opinion is stiffening against the local bar district in consequence of the Mellows case and the shooting affray on Monday night in a bar room as a result of which Mr. R. F. Hazelton, head of the Order Department of Messrs. Gaston, Williams and Wigmore, was wounded in the abdomen by an American seaman and is now a precarious condition with but slight hope of recovery.

DANGER TO JAPANESE INTERESTS IN VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, December 14th.

The Japanese Embassy has issued a statement regarding the situation in Vladivostock which concludes by declaring that, apart from the political questions arising from the Bolshevik developments, Japan has important commercial interests in Vladivostock which she cannot leave to the tender mercies of an avowedly Bolshevik regime.

ALLEGATIONS OF SLAVERY IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

LONDON, December 14th.

The Colonial Office has issued a White Paper dealing with the Anti-Slavery Society's allegations against the Administration of the British North Borneo Company, containing the report of Sir West Ridgeway and the Hon. Mountstuart Elphinstone denouncing the society and finding all the charges as untrue. Lord Milner expresses gratification at the fact that the charges have been satisfactorily met.

CHINA RELIEF FUND APPEAL.

LONDON, December 14th.

At the special appeal made on behalf of the China Famine Fund on the occasion of the meeting at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding, many distinguished people were present, including Sir John Jordan, Sir Charles Addis, the Chinese Minister, and Mr. F. P. Anderson.

Mr. Sze paid a tribute to the help already given by Great Britain. Nevertheless, he said, they will have fifteen or sixteen million people suffering from starvation before Spring. Large sums are still urgently needed.

Several large donations were announced.

ENTERTAINMENT IN PARIS.

PARIS, December 16th.

A big entertainment has been arranged here in aid of the Chinese Famine Funds. The programme is exclusively Chinese, including theatricals and conjuring.

NEW CABLES TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, December 16th.

Mr. Carlton, President of the Western Union, has informed the Senate Committee that the company's cable from Barbados, which it was originally desired to land at Miami, Florida, will be connected with the United States, via Cuba, despite the opposition of the American Government, which had notified that it would take the necessary steps to prevent such a connection.

Mr. Carlton stated that he had the plans for direct cables, via the Aleutian Islands, to Japan and China. "I have the assurance," he said, "of the British authorities that there would be no trouble in landing in China."

CHINA IN LEAGUE COUNCIL.

GENEVA, December 16th.

China has obtained a place as a permanent member of the Council of the League.

BRITISH PROPAGANDA IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 16th.

A great authority on the Chinese and British trade, interviewed by the *Daily Mail*, gave it as his opinion that it was of vital importance to attract more Chinese students to England, if British exports to China were to be maintained on the old footing of supremacy. If we neglected the most obvious way of strengthening Chinese sympathies, we were certain to be thrust aside. The importance of the Chinese market was growing yearly.

JUDGE GARY'S PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-JAPANESE AGITATION.

NEW YORK, December 16th.

Judge Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, in a speech at the Japan Society, denounced "the vicious, deliberate effort to stir up trouble between Japan and the United States." He said that if the two nations clashed the Americans would be more blameworthy than the Japanese. He trusted the honesty and integrity of Japan, and declared that Japan was building a navy as the last defence against an attack without reason. Judge Gary emphasised the fact that no other country was spending so much money on warships as the United States, and declared that the Japanese desired intimate friendship with the United States.

The Crown Prince of Japan will not travel abroad next year, as has been recently reported by Japanese newspapers. Views were recently exchanged, the *Yomiuri* learns, between members of the Imperial family and the Genro on the subject, and a preliminary resolution was in favour of the tour in America and Europe. Later, however, the resolution was withdrawn, the reasons being that the Emperor still shows little hope of recovering from his nervous trouble, and consequently the Crown Prince is kept busy attending State functions.

CABLE IMPROVEMENT:

SIR JOHN DENISON PENDER'S FORECAST.

FIRES IN CORK:
LABOUR COMMISSION'S STARTLING ASSERTION.**LEAGUE OF NATIONS:**
ADMISSION OF AUSTRIA AND BULGARIA.LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
CABLE RELIEF.**SIR J. DENISON-PENDER'S**
ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, December 15th.

At the annual meeting of the Eastern Extension Australia and China Telegraph Company, Sir J. Denison-Pender, who presided, said that an additional cable of a large carrying capacity which the company had arranged to lay between Madras and Singapore was now being manufactured. It was expected that it would be laid and opened to traffic early in 1931.

Sir Denison Pender said that, during the current year, the company had spent about £1,200,000 on additional cables from Malta to Alexandria, and from Aden to Bombay. The commercial service had been greatly improved. When the whole of the additional cables are working, it is fully anticipated that the service will be better than in previous times.

NEW SILVER DISCOVERY.**RICHER THAN THE KLONDYKE**
GOLD-FIND.

TORONTO, December 15th.

It is reported that silver deposits, rivaling the gold discoveries in Dawson in richness, have been discovered in the Mayo district in the Yukon. The ore average over 200 ounces per ton.

NEGRO STOCK EXCHANGE.**NOVEL PROPOSAL IN NEW YORK.**

NEW YORK, December 15th.

The latest banking innovation is the proposal to establish a special Stock Exchange exclusively for the use of negroes in manipulating stocks of corporations owned and managed by negroes. It is stated that a charter has been obtained, and the exchange will be called the Harlem Stock Exchange. A prominent negro financier declares that the object is to safeguard the negro investor.

GERMANY'S DESPERATE
CONDITION.**FINANCE MINISTER'S STATE-**
MENT.

BRUSSELS, December 15th.

The Reparations Conference began its sessions today. The morning was devoted to a statement by Herr Schroeder, the German Finance Minister, depicting Germany's economic situation, which he described as most gloomy. He declared that the Allies must not put the knife to Germany's throat if they did not wish her to reach a condition similar to that of Austria.

CUXHAVEN INCIDENT.**GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S REGRETS**
AND ASSURANCES.

BERLIN, December 15th.

The Foreign Minister has expressed to the President of the Inter-Allied Naval Commission deep regret for the incidents at Cuxhaven on November 19th, when Allied naval officers were assaulted in a dockyard, and has given an assurance that those found guilty would be severely punished. He offered to pay 20,000 marks for the damage to uniforms.

MR. GANDHI'S MOVEMENT.**REPUDIATION BY HINDU**
UNIVERSITY.

DELHI, December 15th.

The Court of the Hindu University of Benares has rejected a non-confidence motion in the present Executive. The result is significant, as it is a big blow to Mr. Gandhi's movement.

THE FIRES IN CORK.
LABOUR COMMISSION'S STARTLING
ALLEGATION.

LONDON, December 14th.

The Labour Commission of Inquiry, who are at present in Cork, declared that the Forces of the Crown caused Sunday's fires. They are offering to produce evidence, if the safety of witnesses is guaranteed.

ANOTHER POLICE PATROL
AMBUSHED.

LONDON, December 15th.

One hundred armed men ambushed a patrol of eight policemen this morning in Kilmommon, Co. Tipperary, killing four and seriously wounding one.

HOME RULE BILL IN HOUSE OF
LORDS.

LONDON, December 14th.

In the House of Lords, on the motion for the third reading of the Home Rule Bill, Baron Bray moved the rejection of the Bill, and declared that, because it did not give self-determination, it would satisfy nobody.

The Marquess of Crewe was of the opinion that the Bill, as amended, was distinctly better.

The Earl of Dunraven said that the Bill did not provide the remotest chance of effecting a permanent settlement.

The Lord Chancellor pointed out that the Bill went further than the 1914 Bill, which the south of Ireland had accepted.

The Government scheme deserved a trial. No alternative possessing the slightest chance of acceptance had been submitted.

He admitted that there were strong arguments supporting the Lords' amendment providing separate Senates for North and South. He declared that the Government would most carefully consider all the amendments.

The Bill was read the third time.

COMMONS DISCUSS LORDS'
AMENDMENTS.

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons, during the discussion on the Lords' amendments to the Home Rule Bill, Mr. Devlin moved that the House decline to proceed with the matter till the Government clearly stated its Irish policy.

Mr. Bonar Law, replying, again emphasised the fact that the Government's policy was to break the murder conspiracy, and give the largest possible measure of self-government consistent with fairplay to the different sections in Ireland and with the security of the United Kingdom. Within those limits, he said, there was room for much goodwill.

Sir Donald Maclean and Mr. T. P. O'Connor were of the opinion that Mr. Bonar Law's speech and the letters of Mr. Lloyd George indicated that the Government meant considerably to enlarge the Bill when it was thought that the conditions were favourable. They, therefore, declared that it was waste of time to snipe the Bill, and urged the Government frankly to state its policy.

Sir Edward Carson said that the Government must proceed with the Bill.

Sir L. Worthington Evans indicated the Government's attitude towards the Lords' amendments. The Government, he said, accepted the principle of the establishment of Senates in South Ireland and North Ireland, but insisted upon the Irish Council, as originally proposed in the Bill, and rejected the Lords' proposal that the Council should consist of 7 Senators and 13 Commoners from both Parliaments.

Mr. Devlin's motion was rejected by 105 to 28.

NAVAL HOLIDAY PROPOSAL.
RESOLUTION IN AMERICAN
SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 14th.

In the Senate, Senator Borah introduced a resolution requesting President Wilson to negotiate with Great Britain and Japan for an agreement to reduce the naval building programmes by 50 per cent; in the next 5 years, declaring that Congress was of opinion that America would make such reductions, if an agreement could be reached, and asserting that the navies of Great Britain and Japan were the only ones sufficiently powerful to require American attention.

The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee without a debate.

The resolution refers to the fact that the Japanese have officially announced that Japan could not consent to consider disarmament on account of the American naval building programme. The resolution declares, however, that the Senate believes that Japan is sincerely desirous of supporting a programme of disarmament, while America also favours a practical programme.

Senator Borah, speaking privately, said that his plan would show whether Great Britain and Japan were sincere in their talk of reducing armaments.

SENATOR HARDING DIFFERS.

There is reason to believe that Senator Borah's resolution in no way accords with the views of the President-elect, Mr. Harding, who has already expressed a decided opinion in favour of a strong American Navy, as well as a strong commercial fleet.

"A BLUNDER, ALMOST A CRIME."

Speaking in the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Navy opposed Senator Borah's proposal, and said that such an agreement, with two or three nations, would be a blunder, almost a crime, until a world agreement were established for the settlement of disputes without recourse to arms.

The United States, Mr. Daniels declared, must adhere to its naval programme.

PROBABLE COURSE OF JAPAN'S
POLICY.

LONDON, December 15th.

Interviewed by the Daily Sketch on the subject of a "Naval holiday," an official of the Japanese Embassy said: "If a friendly Power proposes to stop warship building, our Government, I think, will heartily agree."

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION.**QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT.**

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons, during the question time, Major Craig stated that Great Britain was constructing 6 destroyers, the United States 63, Japan 5, France 1, and Italy 9.

FRENCH MILITARY SERVICE
BILL.**TOTAL PERIOD OF THIRTY YEARS.**

PARIS, December 15th.

The Military Service Bill, which has been laid on the table in the Chamber of Deputies, fixes the period of military service at thirty years including one and a half years with the colours, 18 years in the Reserve, followed by 10 years in the territorial army.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH BILL.**REJECTED BY HOUSE OF LORDS.**

LONDON, December 15th.

The Lords rejected the Ministry of Health Bill last night. This would seriously affect the Ministry's Housing plans, as the building subsidy would now cease on December 31st, whereas the Bill had extended it to April next. Private builders are at present constructing 25,000 houses, hoping to earn the subsidy. So far, only 4,000 houses have been completed.

Another effect of the rejection would be to prevent the execution of the Ministry's plans to relieve congestion in the voluntary hospitals by empowering the County Councils to acquire the Poor Law infirmaries. The last-named provision was one of the principal reasons for the rejection, as it was likely to throw the whole of the Poor Law administration in confusion.

The last Government measure defeated in the House of Lords was the Welsh Disestablishment Bill of 1912, which was subsequently enacted under the Parliament Act.

DISASTROUS COLLISION.**CROWDED MINERS TRAIN.**

LONDON, December 15th.

In the Saraguna mines in Lorraine 17 persons were killed and 23 injured in a collision between a train crowded with miners and a goods train.

FOR STARVING CHILDREN
FILM MAGNATES' OFFER.

NEW YORK, December 15th.

In response to the appeal of Mr. Hoover a conference of film magnates has agreed to raise \$2,000,000 for the relief of starving children in Central Europe.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.
CAMPAIGN AGAINST WHITE
SLAVE TRAFFIC.

GENEVA, December 15th.

The Assembly has passed a resolution inviting the Governments immediately to enforce the White Slave Conventions of 1904 and 1910, and to send representatives to an international conference which will be meeting shortly for the purpose of arranging joint action.

AUSTRIA AS MEMBER OF LEAGUE.

The Assembly of the League, by 35 votes out of the 36 countries present, adopted the motion of Lord Roberts Cecil in favour of the admission of Austria, amid loud applause.

Mr. Milten (Australia) abstained from voting.

CHINA AS MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

The Assembly also elected by secret ballot for a period of one year four non-permanent members of the Council as provided in Article IV. of the Covenant, namely, Spain, Brazil, Belgium and China.

ADMISSION OF BULGARIA.

The Assembly of the League of Nations has admitted Bulgaria to the membership of the League by 35 votes to 2; Costa Rica and Finland secured 39 votes and there were no dissentients.

Luxembourg was admitted by 9 votes, the remaining 30 abstaining.

The motion of Mr. Rowell (Canada) to admit Armenia was rejected by 21 votes to 8.

CHINESE MISSION IN VENICE.

VENICE, December 15th.

The members of the Chinese Mission who are going to participate in the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva have arrived here. There are fifteen members, headed by General Siang Shao-tung (1). Some of the delegates are accompanied by their wives.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC CONTROL.

LONDON, December 15th.

The Times correspondent, writing from Geneva, says that the Assembly has unanimously agreed that it is preferable for the League of Nations to undertake the duties in regard to the collection of data and settlement of disputes, which were entrusted to Holland under the Opium Convention, and it was proposed that the Council should appoint an Advisory Committee, who would make a report to the Council three months before each meeting of the Assembly for submission to the Assembly. It was requested that the Dutch Government should ratify the Opium Convention, or may ratify the Opium Convention, while the Council was authorised to add to the Committee, as member or assessor, a representative of any country concerned in the traffic, with a special invitation to the United States.

DR. WELLINGTON KOO'S VIEWS
ON OPIMUM HABIT.

GENEVA, December 15th.

The Assembly of the League has unanimously adopted the resolution of the Technical Organisation Committee on the opium question.

Sir William Meyer (India) was of the opinion that Holland should take the initiative in summoning the States to sign the international Opium Convention.

Dr. Wellington Koo described what China had done to stay the progress of the scourge, and declared that in a short time she had succeeded in eliminating the vice from the Chinese. He paid a tribute to the help of the foreign Governments in trying to prevent opium traffic, and also alluded to the progress made, though very slowly, in combatting the morphia craze.

BRITISH DELEGATES' VIEWS ON
DISARMAMENT.

GENEVA, December 15th.

The League discussed armaments.

Mr. Fisher (Great Britain) explained the proposals for the universal ratification of the Traffic of Arms Convention, and the investigation into the activities of private manufacturers of armaments, and the experimental suspension of military expenditure. Finally, he declared that most of the Assembly did not take effective steps to secure restrictions.

Mr. Barnes expressed disappointment at the half-hearted nature of the proposals, and advocated a stronger policy.

ASSEMBLY'S RECOMMENDATION
TO COUNCIL.

LONDON, December 15th.

The Times correspondent in Geneva says that the Assembly has recommended to the Council that pending the full execution of the measures for the reduction of armaments according to the Covenant's Article VIII, it should submit to the Government proposals to undertake not to exceed in the first financial year, the sum total of the expenditure on military, naval and air services, provided in the latter budget, with the following reservations: Firstly, any contributions of troops, war material and money recommended by the League under obligations under Article XVI, or by treaties registered by the League; and, secondly, emergency conditions notified to the Council according to sections ii and vi of Article VIII.

FRENCH COLONIAL
EXHIBITION.

MARSEILLE, December 15th.

The inauguration of work on the buildings of the Colonial Exhibition, of 1922, was celebrated by a luncheon at which the Minister for the Colonies and the Governor-General of Indo-China were represented.

NEW UNITED KINGDOM
COINAGE.**MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S ANNOUNCE-**
MENT IN PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, December 14th.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons that silver in circulation in the United Kingdom is estimated at £30,000,000. The new coinage, consisting of one-half alloy, has been prepared to the amount of £5,000,000, and an additional £25,000,000 worth will be ready within the next three months. The older coinage will be demonetized in due course, but not for some years.

FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE
ATTITUDE OF CONTROLLING
POWERS.

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George declared that the guardianship of the Straits and Constantinople must remain under the present control, namely, under Great Britain, France and Italy. Any other decision would invite the same treachery which nearly proved disastrous to the cause of the Allies. At present the Powers were awaiting developments in Greece, before deciding on a policy as regards Constantinople.

EX-KING CONSTANTINE.

VENICE, December 15th.

The ex-King Constantine has arrived here.

SUPPLEMENTARY ARMY
ESTIMATES.

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons, the Supplementary Army Estimates were passed.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION-
SHIP.**DEMPEY'S SUCCESS.**

NEW YORK, December 15th.

Dempey knocked out Brennan in the twelfth round in the Heavyweight Championship of the World.

It was a hard fight. Dempey had rather the better of the matters throughout, and gradually wore down his opponent and in the twelfth round sent him stumbling with a right to the heart and a left hook to the stomach. Brennan crumpled up. A right smash to the head ended the fight.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
FIGHT.

NEW YORK, December 15th.

"Benny" Leonard (holder) and Ritchie Mitchell have been matched for the world's lightweight championship at Madison Square Garden on January 14th. Leonard is receiving \$40,000, and Mitchell \$30,000.

M. C. C. TOUR.**DRAW WITH NEW SOUTH WALES**
COLTS.

STANT, December 15th.

In the match between the New South Wales Colts and the M.C.C., the former scored 54 runs in the first innings, Waddington taking 8 wickets for 33.

The M.C.C. scored 709 in their first essay, Hearn contributing 144 and Hendren 211.

The Colts, in their second innings, made 148 runs for 4 wickets. The match ended in a draw.

GERMAN CABLES DISPUTE.

NEW YORK, December 15th.

The State Department states that the modus vivendi regarding the ex-German cable negotiations was discovered and approved unanimously. It, therefore, appears that France has also agreed to the arrangement.

NORWAY RAILWAY STRIKE.

CHRISTIANIA, December 15th.

The railway strike has come to an end. The men have completely capitulated.

NEW MOTOR TAXATION.

LONDON, December 15th.

In the House of Commons, the Empire Exhibition Bill, and the Roads Bill, containing all the new motor taxation, were read the third time.

SWISS REPUBLIC.**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.**

BERNE, December 15th.

M. Edmond Schulhaus, President in 1917, has been re-elected President.

RUSSIAN LEADERS AS
REFUGEES.**JAPAN AS PROTECTOR.**

According to the Harbin correspondent of the Asiatic News Agency, General Pao Kwei-ching has been officially notified by the Japanese Command that, at the request of Semenov and Kappel, Japan is extending protection to these Russian leaders as political refugees. For this reason, Russian military trains are strongly protected by Japanese troops along the Chinese Eastern Railway. General Pao is leaving for Peking, via Mukden, as a person full particulars about Sino-Russian relations, because serious complications are feared.

THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO
IN HONGKONG.**A CORDIAL RECEPTION.**

His Excellency the Governor of Macao, accompanied by Lady Correa da Silva, came to Hongkong yesterday on the Portuguese gunboat *Patric*, the principal purpose of the Governor's visit being to lay the foundation stone of the new Portuguese Club to be erected in Duddell Street.

On the arrival of the *Patric* in port the usual naval salutes were exchanged, and a deputation comprising members of the Reception Committee, headed by the Portuguese Consul (Senhor Cerveira de Albuquerque) boarded the warship to receive the Governor.

Captain McGrath, (A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong), also went on board and escorted the distinguished visitors to Government House, where they are staying during their visit to the Colony.

His Excellency's engagements yesterday included the laying of the foundation stone of the new Club, a reception at the Hongkong Hotel, and dinner at Government House.

To-day the Portuguese community of Hongkong is giving a luncheon in honour of His Excellency and Lady da Silva at the Hongkong Hotel, and in the afternoon a garden party is being held in their Honour at the Club de Recreio.

TO-DAY'S GARDEN PARTY.

The Club de Recreio, Kowloon, is being gaily decorated for the Garden Party at 5 p.m., to-day, in honour of H.E. the Governor of Macao (Senhor Henrique Monteiro Correa da Silva) and Lady da Silva. The entire ground has been enclosed by bamboo trellis work with arches two yards apart. Each arch is covered with a flag, and the whole fence will be illuminated from one end to the other. On the lawn hundreds of pot-plants of all sizes are artistically arranged in the shape of a huge six-pointed star, in the centre of which is a tall mast surrounded by beautiful palms dotted with little lights.

The outline of the star is picked out by coloured bulbs, and strings of lights run from each point to the top of the mast, from which is flown the Union Jack. The name of the Club appears prominently on the roof of the pavilion, in the middle of which is the Portuguese shield, the whole building being covered with lights, over a thousand of which have already been fired, besides those on the trees and on the ground. The large floor will be reserved for dancing, and the Band of the 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, will attend, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Wyndham and the Officers. H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs will, we understand, be present and the Committees are making arrangements for a large number of guests and friends.

GREAT BLAZE AT SHAUKIWAN.**COOLIES SLEEPING QUARTERS**
DESTROYED.

The attention of hundreds of people resident on the Peak or in Kowloon was attracted last night at about nine o'clock by a great blaze in the direction of North Point which illuminated the sky with a crimson glare and threw the ships in the harbour into striking relief. Fortunately, as so often happens in this land of flimsy structures, the greater the blaze the less serious the fire. It proved to be another matched, and the Fire Brigade dashed off for the fourteenth time in the 17 days that have gone to the tale of December.

Luckily, again, the hour was not late, for this shed is (or rather was) used at night by hundreds of coolies employed at the quarry of Messrs. Sang Lee, Shaukiwan Road. If the fire had broken out later there might have been a dreadful holocaust like the awful catastrophe at the Racecourse.

The match was quite separate from other structures in the quarry, and as it was a perfectly still night, there was little risk of the houses on the heights above being endangered. Difficultly was encountered by the Fire Brigade in getting a supply of water, the nearest hydrant being a considerable distance away. Ultimately a jet was obtained with the aid of No. 1 fire float and half-a-mile of hose, a breeching joined two quarter-mile lengths. Within three-quarters of an hour the fire was well under control, but the Fire Brigade could not leave till nearly 11 p.m., owing to the great quantity of smouldering ashes which, if left, might have burst into flame again. The shed covered an area of about 60 square feet. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained.

TWO OTHER FIRES.

Two small fires were reported yesterday by the Fire Brigade. One occurred the previous evening at Shaukiwan where the Brigade was called upon to put out a blaze of dried grass in stack. The other outbreak, which occurred shortly afterwards, was at Temple Street, Yau-mati. The Kowloon Brigade dealt with this fire. Practically no damage was done, except to a chimney which the firemen had to break away in order to get at the seat of the fire.

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FRIDAY, Dec. 24th.	"LORD RICHARD IN THE PANTRY"
SATURDAY, Dec. 25th.	"ROMANCE"
SUNDAY, Dec. 26th.	"ROMANCE"
TUESDAY, Dec. 28th.	"BILLETED"
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A RETURN TO LIFE.

[BY J. D'ARCY MORRILL.]

For three months the "Quartier Latin," the home of learning for fifteen centuries, has been deserted. Only a portion of the ordinary population, so different in life and character from business Paris, remained at home. How peaceful and silent was the "Boul' Miché" and the old-world by-streets usually teeming with noisy groups of youngsters during the scholastic term, since the end of July last! The exuberant yet studious and ardent youth come from all parts of France and of the world to drink in wisdom, and other things as well, under the wing of this second oldest University in the world, scattered in all directions.

Now the schools are opening, joyous groups rush hither and thither to find a lodging, a single room even in the attic, or in some quiet hotel. They crowd in all day at the Faculty of Medicine, the Sorbonne, or the Beaux Arts to get their names inscribed. Some appeal to the janitor, often in strange tongues mingled with French. They are representatives of many types. I have just seen Jugo-Slavs, Poles, Japanese, Swiss, Americans, and Orientals, Moslems, and Eastern Christians come to study. In the Middle Ages the students who came to the old Sorbonne, as Erasmus wrote, were seated on the floor, which was covered every day with straw spread for their purpose. But now the latter-day students have comfortable benches in the amphitheatres, where they work in the evening under electric light instead of smoky oil lamps.

This year there seem to be almost more girl students at the University than young men. The "Boul' Miché" is again alive with eager throngs, more so than last year. The cafes blaze with light when night has fallen. There is a famous house near the Rue Soufflot where generations of aspiring scholars have discussed every imaginable topic, past and present, as they sipped their "bocks." Some of them have since passed into immortality, for their names are inscribed on the walls and rolls of honour, in the Pantheon, hard by.

Here I remember the hirsute and vehement young lawyer, Léon Gambetta, denouncing the misdeeds of Imperial rule with fiery eloquence at one of the marble tables among his admirers. Beside him lay his inseparable leather paper-case. That was in the latter days of the Third Empire. There were those who did not like the vituperative torrent of invective in his Southern tongue, nor his arrogant republicanism. They nicknamed him "Grandpère"—a play of words on his name, meaning "Granny Face." In those distant days another place much frequented was the "Salle d'Armes" of Professor Basset, the fencing master, in the Rue de la Sorbonne. At evening, when the schools were closed, we met and fenced there. Many a stiff bout occurred between famous champions of the foil. The "maîtres d'armes" had a reputation for giving lessons in duelling, that is to say, coaching inexperienced individuals so that they might make a decent show on the ground. Even Esplanette deigned to cross foils sometimes playfully with us youngsters, although he was the keenest blade in France of his day.

A STUDENT'S BATTLE.

It was in 1873 that a disturbance broke out at the Beaux Arts (the National School of Fine Arts). The students of the "atelier" of the distinguished painter Gérôme stormed the "atelier" of another noted artist, Professor Cabanel. The news of the affray and battle with mauls and sticks reached the ears of the Administration of Fine Arts. The director rushed to Gérôme bringing the grave news. Gérôme asked: "Have my pupils set fire to the Beaux Arts?" "No," was the answer. "Que voulez-vous?" said the master, who painted "Scen. Emisance Grise," "we did as much at their age." Nevertheless, the schools were closed for two weeks as a sign of official disapproval.

The art students formed a great procession as a protest. They were joined by the medical and law students, these being always ready to break the law. The turbulent throngs mustered strongly, formed into a "monôme," or procession, in single file, and paraded the Latin Quarter singing ditties at the expense of authority. They bore dummy figures of high officials and learned professors who were their butts, and which they proposed to burn, in triumph. In the streets the students of the university and several schools got up a miniature revolution in consequence of a quarrel with the administration. They occupied in force the whole of the scholastic quarter. Every avenue and street was barricaded, and the defenders were armed with formidable bludgeons. No policeman or gendarme could enter. It was expected that troops would be required, but eventually, after much parley, big forces of police restored order.

The days of long-haired students are gone. Their trips in merry parties, with their "petites amies," to favourite resorts in the suburbs, are past. Then they went merrily to sing and dance in the sweet-scented woods or by the water side. But now many of them ponder over their books instead, anxious to finish their classes. Sometimes they work with a quiet, grave girl student as companion and "collaboratrice," both studying to pass the same exam. "Yes, I see that they are back again," Monsieur's one remark to me—a bright little soul from Lyon with her sunny locks cut short at the nape. "I must pass my 'bachot' this season to be accepted as a candidate for administrative employment."

GIRLS AND THE LAW.

A tall, thoughtful young lady reads the law with a student of the other sex, both desirous to obtain quickly the coveted degree of "Licencié-en-droit." This modern Aspasia is a comely girl, though a trifle pale from study and lack of open air. She wears her hair closely braided in a coil round her head, no doubt for ease of movement. (Continued at foot of next column.)

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 4th Sunday in Advent, December 13th, 1920.
Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.). Children's Service (10 a.m.). Matins (11 a.m.) (Cathedral Choir). Responses, Psalms, Venite, Gloria (12th); Psalms, 94 (Troutbeck); To Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turle; Benedictus, Garret; Anthem, "Lift thine eyes," Sullivan; Hymn, 51. N.B.—Psalms 94, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in unison; Hymn 51, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in unison.
Evangelium (8 p.m.) (Auxiliary Choir). Responses, Psalms, 15 (Kilway); Hymn, 51. N.B.—Psalms 15, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in unison; Hymn, 51, verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in unison.
The Cathedral Organist will be glad to hear from any one willing to assist in the singing at this service. [1313]

UNION CHURCH (Kennedy Road).

Sunday, December 19th, 1920.
Services conducted by Rev. G. J. Williams.
11 a.m. Order of Service—Hymn 25; Invocation and Lord's Prayer; Lesson, St. Matthew ch. VI.; Hymn 254; Prayer; Notice and Offering—Hymn 338.
6 p.m. The New Internationalism, the League of Nations, and the Kingdom of God.
Hymn 438. Benediction.
6 p.m. Order of Service—Hymn 25; Invocation and Lord's Prayer; Lesson, St. Matthew, Revelation II.; Prayer; Notice and Offering; Hymn 438.
Sermon—"Faithful unto Death." (Farewell Charge to the Congregation).
Hymn 443. Benediction. [1314]

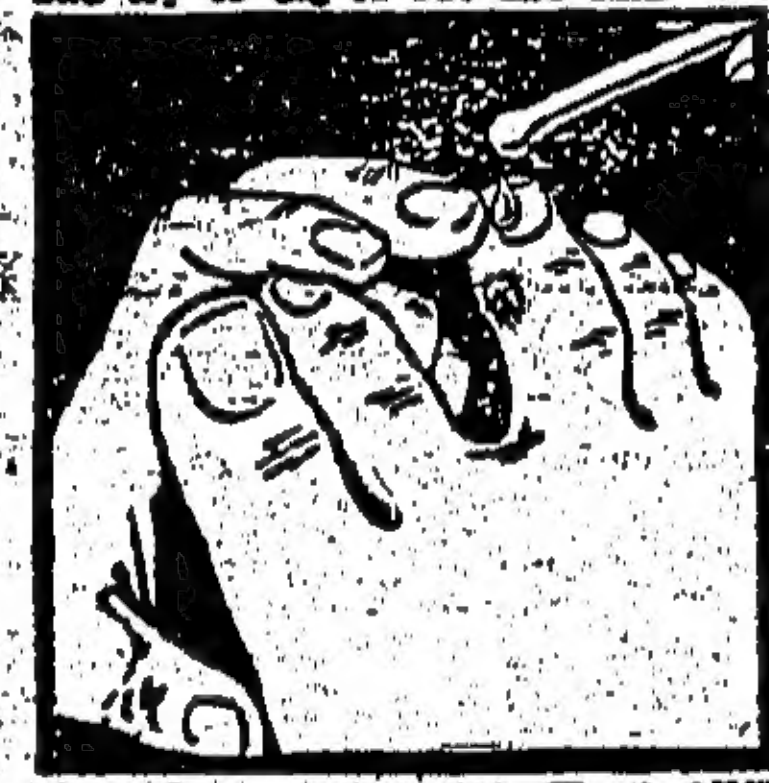
CHURCH OF ENGLAND MILITARY SERVICES.

Sunday, December 19th, 1920.
9 a.m. Holy Communion, Hospital, Bowen Road.
11 a.m. Parade Service, Cathedral, Bowen Road.
5.45 p.m. Evening Service, Hospital, Bowen Road.
6 p.m. Confirmation Service, Cathedral. [1315]

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ment. She intends to practise law. This is the new world. But there is a dark side to this feverish rush of both sexes to the seat of learning. It causes a further rise in the cost of living and of study. How many families, especially in the impoverished "bourgeoisie," will have to pinch so that the intelligent boy or girl may secure the necessary instruction for a career in the liberal professions!

I have recalled my reminiscences of student days in the long gone past when a simple meal sufficient for a young appetite could be had at student restaurants for 50 forty years ago, or a shilling just before the war. At these places, lunch, or dinner, now costs half a crown without wine, or 4s with a bottle of red, or 4s-6d with a bottle of white wine. Shortly after 1870 a furnished room in the Latin Quarter came to 15s a month, and quite a luxurious lodging could be had even seven years ago for a couple of pounds. Now similar quarters have risen to 28 monthly at lowest. In the little cheap hotels frequented by the youth of the schools, a modest bed-chamber fetches about 25 16s. Books of the classics have trebled in price, and those on law, science, and medicine have followed suit. School fees have doubled within the last year. No student can live and lodge under 10s a day, excluding other expenses. Add to this, as well as, and all other requirements, as well as pocket-money, and it will be evident what a vast sum must be paid for the education of his offspring. When the young lawyer, doctor, or civil engineer has passed out of the school after six or seven years of study and corresponding outlay, and at last secures a situation in his calling, he will not earn for years to come as much as an unskilled labourer at present wages.

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